

Supplementary table 6. Summary of studies on the identification of suboptimal self-management

1st Author, publication year	Study design	Study population (n)	Disease activity (mean)	Disease duration of RA (mean)	Diagnostic test Description	Reference standard Description	Cut-off (if applicable)	Time interval	Correlation coefficient (95% CI, p)	Other	Comparison of factors for successful self-management between groups					Risk of bias*	Risk of individual studies	Concerns regarding applicability																					
											Description of factors for successful self-management	Group 1	Frequency in group 1	Group 2	Frequency in group 2				Other																				
Palmer, 2010	Cross-sectional	RA patients (102)	NR	8.8Y	Modified Rheumatology Attitude Index (mRAI), score 0-10, higher score reflects a higher degree of helplessness	Combined questionnaire for functional impairment and quality of life assessment - Depressive symptoms	NA	Same time point	0.884	p<0.01	test-retest reliability: 0.71; internal consistency: alpha=0.64 (first 81), 0.76 (second 81), 0.69 (end of program), 0.71 (3M follow-up); stability: 0.68	U/U/L/L		H/U/H																									
					Modified Rheumatology Attitude Index (mRAI), score 0-10, higher score reflects a higher degree of helplessness	Pain score (NRS pain, score 0-10, higher score reflects higher level of pain)	NA	Same time point	0.881	p<0.01																													
					Modified Rheumatology Attitude Index (mRAI), score 0-10, higher score reflects a higher degree of helplessness	Patient global assessment (according to NRS global assessment, score 0-10, higher score reflects more symptoms)	NA	Same time point	0.781	p<0.01																													
					Modified Rheumatology Attitude Index (mRAI), score 0-10, higher score reflects a higher degree of helplessness	Functional disability (according to functional impairment questionnaire by El Miedany (2009), score 0-3, higher score reflects higher level of disability)	NA	Same time point	0.746	p<0.01																													
					BRCS (Brief Resilient Coping Scale)	NA	NA																																
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Helplessness	Arthritis Helplessness Index (5-item helplessness subscale)	NA		-0.32	p<0.05																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Psychological vulnerability	Psychological Vulnerability Scale	NA		-0.26	p<0.05																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Dispositional optimism	Life Orientation Test	NA		0.5	p<0.01																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Perceived health competence	Perceived Health Competence Scale	NA		0.39	p<0.01																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Self-efficacy (pain)	Arthritis Self-Efficacy Scale	NA		0.48	p<0.01																													
Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Self-efficacy (arthritis symptoms)	Arthritis Self-Efficacy Scale	NA		0.37	p<0.01																																		
Sinclair, 2004	Cross-sectional	Women with RA (90)	NR	10.3Y	Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Reappraisal	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI) shortened version	NA		0.6	p<0.01																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Active problem solving	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI) shortened version	NA		0.57	p<0.01																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Seek social support	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI) shortened version	NA		0.24	p<0.05																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Acceptance	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI) shortened version	NA		0.36	p<0.01																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Catastrophizing	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI) shortened version	NA		-0.38	p<0.01																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Venting	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI) shortened version	NA		-0.22	p<0.05																													
					Psychological well-being (part of BRCS) - Positive affect	Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS); and Life Satisfaction Scale	NA		0.5	p<0.01																													
					Psychological well-being (part of BRCS) - Negative affect	Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS); and Life Satisfaction Scale	NA		-0.28	p<0.01																													
					Psychological well-being (part of BRCS) - Life satisfaction	Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS); and Life Satisfaction Scale	NA		0.25	p<0.05																													
					BRCS (Brief Resilient Coping Scale)	NA	NA			internal consistency: alpha=0.68																													
Garratt, 2014	SLR: 15 studies (unspecified)	RA patients (1192), total of 3527 patients with rheumatic diseases	NR	NR	Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Helplessness	Arthritis Helplessness Index (5-item helplessness subscale)	NA		-0.32	p<0.01	#=1; Fifteen articles met the inclusion criteria that included the arthritis SE scales (ASES), generalized SE scale (GSES), joint protection SE scale (JP-SES), Marcus & Resnick SE exercise/behaviour (SEEB) instruments, and RA SE scale (RASE). The ASES and RASE have undergone more than one evaluation. There was little formal evaluation of content validity for the instruments. Evidence for the RASE suggests that it is not unidimensional. The JP-SES and SEEB were evaluated using modern psychometric methods. The instruments require further evaluation before application. The quality of the evidence for the ASES and RASE is generally poor. The generic focus of the GSES limits its relevance. The JP-SES and SEEB have only undergone one evaluation and that relating to the latter was narrow in scope. Future studies should address these methodological weaknesses.	Moderate	Moderate-High																										
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Psychological vulnerability	Psychological Vulnerability Scale	NA		-0.17	p<0.05																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Dispositional optimism	Life Orientation Test	NA		0.41	p<0.001																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Perceived health competence	Perceived Health Competence Scale	NA		0.39	p<0.01																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Self-efficacy (pain)	Arthritis Self-Efficacy Scale	NA		0.18	p<0.05																													
					Personal coping resources (part of BRCS) - Self-efficacy (arthritis symptoms)	Arthritis Self-Efficacy Scale	NA		0.3	p<0.001																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Reappraisal	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI)	NA		0.56	p<0.001																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Active problem solving	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI)	NA		0.4	p<0.001																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Seek social support	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI)	NA		0.23	p<0.01																													
					Pain coping behaviors (part of BRCS) - Acceptance	Vanderbilt Multidimensional Pain Coping Inventory (VMPCI)	NA		ns																														
Gibofsky, 2018	Cross-sectional	RA patients (1805) + physicians (1736)	NR	7Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Information	RA patients	55% Physicians	64%	U/L/U/H		H/U/L																						
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																		More/longer/additional visits	41%	65%																			
																		Treatment goals	38%	57%																			
																		Access to visits/treatment	36%	62%																			
																		Tools/devices	35%	52%																			
																		Do patients want to know more about arthritis?	92%	70%																			
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Silvers, 1985	Cross-sectional	RA patients (101) + rheumatologists (28)	NR	14.2Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Extremely/very important role of allied health professionals in facilitating arthritis education: nutritionist	Patients	92%	Rheumatologists	70%	U/L/L/L		H/U/L																					
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Extremely/very important role of allied health professionals in facilitating arthritis education: nurse			ns	
Extremely/very important role of allied health professionals in facilitating arthritis education: trained group leader			ns	
Extremely/very important role of allied health professionals in facilitating arthritis education: arthritis representative			ns	
Extremely/very important role of allied health professionals in facilitating arthritis education: social worker			ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: psychosocial needs	~65%	Higher in physicians	p<0.001	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: activities of daily living		Higher in physicians	p<0.001	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: sexual concerns		Higher in physicians	p<0.015	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: community resources		Higher in physicians (68-89%)	p<0.015	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: disease process	Higher in patients (91-95%)		p<0.001	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: diagnostic process	Higher in patients (72-82%)		56% p<0.001	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: nutrition	Higher in patients (72-82%)		p<0.001	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: interpersonal communication between physician and patient	91-95%		100% ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: medication	91-95%		96% ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: maintaining ambulation	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: recognising quackery	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: rest and relaxation	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: special pain relief	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: prescribed exercise	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: cooperative disease management	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: surgical procedures	72-82%	68-89%	ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: energy conservation	~65%		59% ns	
Extremely/very important topics in arthritis patient education: weight management	~65%		46% ns	
Most important education channel: individual meeting between patient and physicians	78%		86%	
Very important education channel: planned education group	45%		85% p<0.002	

BL: baseline; H: high; L: low; M: months; n: number of patients; NA: not applicable; NR: not reported; ns: not significant; RA: rheumatoid arthritis; SLR: systematic literature review; U: uncertain; W: weeks; Y: years; *: Conference abstract; #: number of studies. 1. Risk of Bias according to QUADAS-2 for individual studies: Patient selection/index test/Reference standard/Flow and timing. According to AMSTAR2 tool for SLRs: Low=zero or one non-critical weakness; Moderate=more than one non-critical weakness; High=one critical flaw with or without non-critical weaknesses; Critically high=more than one critical flaw with or without non-critical weaknesses; 2. Only applicable for SLRs: Summary of RoB of individual studies, as assessed in SLR Highest risk of bias as found (of individual studies). 3. Concerns regarding applicability for individual studies: Patient selection/Index test/Reference standard